

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 24-42 are pending in this application. Claim 41 is the only remaining independent claim.

Claim 23, like previously cancelled claims 1-22, has been cancelled without prejudice.

Independent claim 41 has been amended to clarify the language relating to intradermal injection into the skin of the material previously claimed in claim 41. Claims 41 and 42, at the time of the Office Action, the only claim depending from claim 41, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, due to the recitation in claim 41 of injection of the material into an intradermal compartment of the skin. The Office Action questioned the meaning of an “intradermal compartment.” The application as filed, at page 15, lines 16-17, provides: “The location of injection should be superficial and is preferably an intradermal compartment of the skin located between the epidermal and dermal layers of the skin.” This clearly denotes an intradermal injection into the skin, and therefore, the amendment to claim 41 is fully supported by the application as filed. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 41 even more clearly specifically points out and distinctly claims the subject matter Applicants regard as their invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claim 41 and any claims depending from claim 41 should be in condition for allowance, as the Office Action acknowledged that claim 41 is free of the prior art.

Claims 24-27 and 29-31 have been amended to depend directly from claim 41, with certain appropriate minor language revisions so that they relate well with claim 41. Claims 35 and 36 were also amended in a minor manner to use better grammar in claim 35 and to correct a spelling error in claim 36. No new matter has been added to any of the claims and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.

All of the dependent claims in the application following the entry of the foregoing amendments, namely, claims 24-40 and 42, now depend directly or indirectly from claim 41. As a result, all of the claims should be free of the prior art.

In view of the amendments, the rejections of all of the previously pending claims other than claims 41 and 42 based on prior art grounds are now moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of those rejections are respectfully requested.

An early Notice of Allowance is also respectfully requested.

Please be aware that Krisyne A. Bullock, the previous attorney of record, is no longer with the firm of record. Therefore, any questions or issues remaining should be addressed to the attention of the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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